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MARGINAL COLUMN By BENJAMIN KENNEDY

THE Arab radio stations and newspapers are still reporting "Israeli troop concentrations" along the border; the rumours have been growing with remarkable speed. One day there were imaginary Israeli "troop concentrations," and the next day there were "Israeli troops" in twenty-four hours the Jordanian Embassy in Beirut, was forced to deny rumours which had been started, more modestly, in Jordan itself the previous day — but not before the Lebanese parliament had dispersed in fright, and the Prime Minister had rushed off to immediate consultations about a military threat which had been invented by one of his colleagues.

ALL this came as the culmination of an Arab propaganda campaign which in recent weeks had reached a new pitch of violence and untruth. Arab political leaders, radio commentators and newspaper writers had been vying with one another in their unbridled attacks on Israel — and in the picturesqueness of their language. One of the Saudi Arabian Ministers called Israel "a cancer which has to be cut out of the body of the Arab nation," and the Egyptian Minister of Education described Israel as "a dagger aimed at our breast." The Mayor of Gaza, in a patriotic address, declared rather oddly: "Israel is a cancer which the Arab ocean will eliminate." It seems quite clear that someone in the Arab world had decided to launch a new war scare which would rouse the Arab peoples and frighten everyone else in the world. It may be that the Saudi Arabian Minister was the originator of this "cancer" campaign, but it is clear that it was not he alone who was responsible for the growing evidence of the Arab countries' own aggressive intentions. Foreign reactions to this unscrupulous war campaign apparently compelled the Arabs to invent an imaginary military threat from Israel, in order to cover up their own designs and present them as "defensive" measures.

As a matter of fact, while the Arab propaganda agencies were trumpeting abroad their allegations of "Israeli troop concentrations" on the borders, in fact, Israeli troop concentrations on the Jordanian border — and it may be that it was also to offset the effect of these, or to justify them, that all the stories about Israel were invented. Quite possibly the idea was to make the Jordanian public believe that the Iraqi divisions had appeared on their borders in order to help Jordan against a threatened Israeli attack. In fact, the Iraqi troops were there (and their presence was not denied) for entirely different reasons. They were there by arrangement with the Jordanian Government for the purpose of discouraging pro-Egyptian elements in the election campaign which has now got effectively under way in Jordan — and also for discouraging Egypt herself from taking too close an interest in Jordan's domestic affairs. The Jordanian public, much of which leans towards Egypt, would not easily have tolerated the presence of Iraqi forces for these purposes, and so it was felt wise to explain it away on the ground of an invented threat from Israel.

THE Arab public is living at present under the impact of a constant war scare. Its leaders have a chance of declaring that war is imminent — war for the conquest of Israel; and that Israel, at the same time, is a grave military threat to the Arab world. In the meantime, Israel's new Foreign Minister has reacted with a statement which is a direct challenge to the Arab public's belief that the Arab public is allowed to know nothing. Instead, it is fed on lies about Israel's "aggressive intentions" — as an attempt to cover up what is in fact the aggressive intentions of the Arab states. This may be effective once, twice, three times, but in the end, it will be boomeranging against the Arab Governments themselves.

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Two Ministers Are Dismissed In Poland

WARSAW, Sunday (Reuters). — Two Polish ministers have been relieved of their posts, it was announced tonight. They are Mr. R. Fiedelski (Engineering) and Mr. J. Tolaraki (Motor). Their Ministries have been merged into a single Ministry of Engineering Industry.

Mr. R. Jazubuk, who has been appointed the new Minister of Power, has been appointed the new Minister of the Interior, and the Prime Minister has rushed off to immediate consultations about a military threat which had been invented by one of his colleagues.

Double U.S. Air Crash 'Definitely' a Collision

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Sunday (Reuters). — The Chief Inspector of the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board, Mr. William Andrews, told a nine-man Congressional investigation committee today that the two planes which crashed in the Grand Canyon last Saturday had been involved in a definite collision.

Pravda: Stalin Exposed Sign of Strength

LONDON, Sunday (Reuters). — The Soviet newspaper Pravda today both described the attack on the Stalin cult in Russia as showing the strength of the Soviet system.

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Syrian Army Chief Is 'Pensioned Off' at 43

The Syrian Cabinet late Saturday night appointed Brig. Gen. Tewfik Nizam e-Din, 46, Chief of Staff, following the resignation at midnight on Saturday of Gen. Shawkat Shukri, who was placed on pension at the age of 43.

Gen. Shukri, a Lebanese Druse who joined the Syrian Army in 1949 and was appointed Chief of Staff in August 1953, left Damascus with his family for Beirut, where he arrived at noon yesterday, stating that he will stay there for an indefinite period.

Cairo Trade Mission Arrives in London

LONDON, Sunday (Reuters). — A 20-man Egyptian trade mission, headed by Dr. Abu Nassef, Minister of Commerce, arrived in London by air tonight from Cairo to begin seven days of discussions with the British Government.

Commonwealth Premiers Hear Opposing Views in London Talks

By ALASTAIR BUCHAN
LONDON, Sunday (OFNS). — The meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers just concluded has fulfilled an important Commonwealth function — an intimate exchange of information which does not commit the member nations to any one line of policy.

When the discussions turned to the Far East, the problem of China's exclusion from the U.N. was naturally the principal question. Prime Ministers of the more conservative countries, Australia and South Africa, believed that the present situation, which gives a seat on the Security Council to Formosa, makes no sense.

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British Couple Lose Lives In Cyprus Ambush

NICOSIA, Sunday (Reuters). — The British couple shot dead in today's ambush near Famagusta were identified as George P. Kaberry, a senior customs official at Nicosia Airport, and his wife Marjorie. Both were in their thirties.

The Chief of Britain's Imperial General Staff, Gen. Sir Gerald Templer, arrived by air from Turkey today. He will spend two days in Cyprus as the guest of the Governor, Sir John Harding, and that he has urged the Government to "proceed slowly" in the matter of closer alliance with Egypt.

U.S. Rocket Scientist Killed in Blast

REDLANDS, California, Sunday (Reuters). — A scientist was killed yesterday in an explosion at a factory manufacturing rocket fuel to be used in a space-man-made earth satellite.

C-L DEMANDED FROM JUNE 15

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Histadrut representatives met the Manufacturers Association executives today to demand that the Government should pay the cost of living allowance on wages from June 15. The Manufacturers' representatives said that they would make the reply known within 48 hours.

MILL WORKERS TOLD TO STOP STRIKING

RAMAT GAN, Sunday. — The 100 workers of the Histadrut's Ramat Gan mill, still holding out in their strike, were called upon to return to work tomorrow. The call was issued jointly by the Benel Labour Council and the Saksonia Labour Committee who met in joint session in Benel today.

BUS COMPANIES ASKED TO COOPERATE

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The bus co-operatives were asked to come to terms with the Histadrut's Transport Committee on the question of fixing a tariff for fares and the activation of the Zohar Public Committee on transport problems at a meeting of the Histadrut's Central Committee today.

Historians Meet in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The first lecture at the annual conference of the Jewish Historical Society, the Israel Society for General History and the Ministry of Education, was opened by Prof. A. Tcherikover, head of the Department of Jewish Studies at the University.

Jordan Admits Massing Troops; Alleges 'Warning' from B.-G.

Arab War Scare Aired by Cabinet

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Foreign Minister, Mr. G. Myerson, reported to the Cabinet yesterday on her meetings on Friday with the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Edward B. Lawson, and the U.N. Chief of the Truce Supervision Organization, Maj-Gen. E. L. M. Burns.

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Burns Passed 'Verbal Message'

In its first public statement on the reports of troop concentrations which caused tension along the demarcation line, the Jordan Army Headquarters in Amman last night said that it

Jordan Reminds Britain of Treaty

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — Jordan has warned Britain that she must come to her defence in case of an Israeli attack or face abrogation of the mutual defence treaty between the two countries, "The New York Times" reported today from Amman.

Quotes Burns

The statement quoted Gen. Burns as telling Abu Nawar that he had left Mr. Ben-Gurion in a state of great excitement and expressing his preparedness to attack immediately.

Turks Close Section Of Syrian Border

The Turkish authorities have closed the entire border with Syria in the Jezira Province as the trial began of the 35 Syrians detained by them following a frontier clash on June 23 when two Turkish soldiers were killed. The Arab News Agency reported yesterday.

Cornerstone Laid For Health Centre

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The cornerstone for the first public health training centre in the country is being laid on the premises of the Asaf Harofeh Hospital in Tarfiah this afternoon.

Scout Jamboree Starts Today

The sixth Jamboree of the Israel Scout movement will start today in Herzl Forest, near Hula. A rally of 3,000 members of all younger scout groups of all branches of the movement will take place on Wednesday in the presence of representatives of the Ministry of Education.

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Mr. Hansen is just ending a six-month stay in the country during which he studied the seven fish canning plants here, their production methods and their possibilities for development.

He compared the Kinneret sardine with the Scandinavian herring, and thought that the Food Division in the Ministry, added that the technical advice given by Mr. Hansen was invaluable and that the Ministry would try to convince the factories to change and improve their processing methods.

Cables in Brief

LONGEVITY.. — Scientists in Russia where there are more than 30,000 persons aged over 90, are studying the problem of longevity. Moscow Radio said yesterday. They have found that small blood transfusions restore strength and memory, while doses of oxygen improve memory and cure senile insomnia.

ation will be brought in line with discussions at the recent 20th Communist Party Congress which criticized Stalin. Moscow Radio said

**Rumanian Jewry Set
To Have Equality**
LONDON, Sunday (INA).
Rumanian Jewry enjoys com-
plete equality of rights with
the rest of the population
according to a World Jewish
Congress delegation which
has just returned from the
country. The delegation, repre-
senting the European Execut-

of the W.J.C., called on Ch. Rabbi Rosen on Saturday, turning a visit he recently made to London. It consisted of Mr. Israel N. Siff, Dr.

The Chief Rabbi gave the Congress leaders a survey of the position of Rumanian Jewry, noting its complete religious freedom and the expansion of Jewish cultural activities.

lar permanent contacts with Rumanian Jewry. They emphasized how much they regretted the absence of such contact since 1948 and stressed the point that the

attitude towards Jewish communities in Eastern Europe was not motivated by a general political considerations but concerned its only with specific Jewish problems.

conviction that free contact between the Jewish communities of East and West would contribute not only to the survival of the Jewish people but would also foster

peace and understanding
among the nations of
world.

Mystere Designer Ge
Legion of Honour

PARIS, Sunday (INA). — Marcel Dassault, designer the Mystere and Ouragan fighters, was yesterday awarded the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour.

M. Dassault who kept Maquis name after the war was deported to Buchenwald by the Vichy regime in his family name of Bloch. France

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